

35. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 23, wherein said melt is free from toxic refining agents.

36. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 24, wherein said melt is free from toxic refining agents.

37. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 25, wherein said melt is free from toxic refining agents.

38. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 22, wherein said refining step is conducted by heating the melt in a crucible using an induction coil.

39. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 23, wherein said refining step is conducted by heating the melt in a crucible using an induction coil.

40. (Previously presented): The process of Claim 24, wherein said refining step is conducted by heating the melt in a crucible using an induction coil.

REMARKS

The above are draft proposed Amendments to the claims for discussion during our telephone interview on Wednesday, December 3, at 8:30 A.M.

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